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REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return copies of the Form PTO/SB/08A dated December 28, 2004 and the Form PTO/SB/08A dated June 25, 2004, and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to ink composition; and

Group II. Claims 3 to 10, drawn to ink jet-recording apparatus.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 and 2).

New claims 11 to 28 were added hereinabove.

New claim 11 is supported in the specification on page 11, lines 9 to 15.

New claim 12 is supported in the specification on page 11, lines 15 to 27.

New claims 13 and 14 are supported in the specification on page 11, lines 17 to 18.

New claim 15 is supported by the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 of the specification.

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New claim 16 is supported in the specification on page 13, lines 3 to 6.

New claim 17 is supported by the paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14 of the specification.

New claim 18 is supported in the specification on page 12, lines 1 to 4.

New claim 19 is supported in the specification on page 19, line 21 to page 20, line 2.

New claim 20 is supported in the specification on page 20, last four lines.

New claim 21 is supported in the specification on page 19, lines 12 to 20.

New claim 22 is supported in the specification on page 20, lines 7 to 12.

New claim 23 is supported in the specification on pages 26 to 33.

New claim 24 is supported in the specification on page 33, lines 12 to 15.

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New claim 25 is supported in the specification on page 34, lines 7 to 10.

New claim 26 is supported in the specification on page 40, lines 13 to 14.

New claim 27 is supported in the specification on page 41, lines 19 to 26.

New claim 28 is supported by the paragraph bridging pages 60 and 61 of the specification.

Entry of the new claims is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$400 in payment of eight additional total claims.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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